

**VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA**  
801 S. Clark St., North Utica, IL 61373  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
November 8, 2017  
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**AGENDA**

- I. 7:00 p.m. - Call to Order Regular Village Board Meeting
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
  
- IV. Consent Agenda: Consideration and Possible Action for the Approval of a Consent Agenda including the following items:
  - 1.) Minutes: 10-11-17; 10-24-17
  - 2.) Oct 2017 Financial Stmt. / Summary / Revenue Reports
  - 3.) Oct 2017 Prepaids
  - 4.) Oct 2017 A/P Bills
  - 5.) Repairs to the Village Hall LED sign in an amount not to exceed \$2,273
  - 6.) Renewal of the 2018 Illinois Municipal League Liability Policy as Option #3 not to exceed \$79,813.76
  - 7.) Purchase of 20 used Picnic Tables from Hickory Hollow Campground in an amount not to exceed \$600
  
- V. Village Clerk
  - 1.) Consideration and Possible Action to approve the annual renewal of the Code Red Notification System \$500
  
- VI. Village Treasurer
  
- VII. Finance Liaison
  
- VIII. Governmental Affairs Liaison:
  - 1.) General updates on UBA and / or Christmas in the Village
  
- IX. Park & Recreation Liaison
  
- X. Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison
  
- XI. Police Department Liaison: Consideration and Possible Action regarding the following items -
  - 1.) Purchase of a used pickup truck in an amount not to exceed \$13,000 to be paid from the Police Drug Fund Account
  - 2.) Purchase of Police Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to be paid from the Police Drug Fund Account
  
- XII. Water / Sewer Liaison
  
- XIII. Building / Zoning Enforcement Officer

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XIV. Maintenance Department/ Public Works Director

- 1.) Update - Ongoing projects in the Village
- 2.) Update – Sewer Lagoon Project schedule
- 3.) Consideration and Possible Action regarding the repair of street lights by Scheri Electric not to exceed \$4,000.

XV. Village Engineer

- 1.) Update – Ongoing projects in the Village
- 2.) Update - Status of IL River Bridge Project
- 3.) Update - Status of Temporary Traffic Signals being installed at the intersection of Rt. 6 & Rt. 178
  - a) Consideration and Possible Action regarding payment for the preemption device on a Traffic Signal in the amount of \$5,713.30 payable to Thorne Electric Inc.

XVI. Village President

XVII. Attorney's Report

- 1.) Consideration and Possible Action to approve a "Housing Ordinance" for the Village of North Utica
- 2.) Consideration and Possible Action to approve a Resolution for the Construction of two commercial entrances (Rt. 6 and Rt. 178) for the purpose of Casey's as authorized by IDOT.
- 3.) Consideration and Possible Action to approve an Agreement between the Village of North Utica and the Utica Community Building regarding snow plowing for the 2017-2018 Winter Season.

XVIII. Public Comment

XIX. Committees / Trustees

- 1.) Update on Committee Assignments
- 2.) Trustee Reports

XX. Executive Session

- 1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal for specific employees
- 2.) Pending Litigation
- 3.) Purchase/Sale/Lease of Real Property

XXI. Possible Action regarding Executive Session items

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XXII. Adjournment

Posted 11-06-17

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MINUTES

At 7:02 pm the meeting was called to Order by Village President David Stewart who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Village Clerk Laurie Gbur recorded the meeting attendance. Present were Trustees Debbie Krizel, Mary Pawlak, Jim Schrader, John Schweickert and Ron Pawlak. Trustee Joe Bernardoni was absent. Village Attorney Herb Klein and Village Engineer Kevin Heitz also attended the meeting.

Mayor Stewart asked for a Moment of Silence for the passing of Mr. William Mix, longtime Utica business owner. Mr. Mix owned and operated Mix's Trading Post since 1989.

Consent Agenda: It was motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee M. Pawlak to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

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- 3.) Oct 2017 Prepays
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- 5.) Repairs to the Village Hall LED sign in an amount not to exceed \$2,273
- 6.) Renewal of the 2018 Illinois Municipal League Liability Policy as Option #3 not to exceed \$79,813.76
- 7.) Purchase of 20 used Picnic Tables from Hickory Hollow Campground in an amount not to exceed \$600

5 Yes

1 Absent (Bernardoni)

Motion Carried

Village Clerk: It was motioned by Trustee Krizel, seconded by Trustee Schrader to approve the renewal of the Code Red notification system for 2018. Ordinance 2017-29

5 Yes

1 Absent (Bernardoni)

Motion Carried

Village Treasurer: NONE

Finance Liaison: NONE

Governmental Affairs Liaison: Trustee Krizel stated that the Christmas in the Village Event is planned and many of the Utica businesses will be participating in Small Business Saturday and the Christmas Event weekend. It is being held on 11-25-17 & 11-26-17.

Mayor Stewart asked if the Unimin recycling event was successful. Trustee Krizel will check and let everyone know.

Park & Recreation Liaison: NONE

Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison: NONE

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Police Department Liaison: It was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee R. Pawlak to approve the purchase of a used truck not to exceed \$13,000. The expenditure will be paid from the Drug Fund.

5 Yes  
1 Absent (Bernardoni)  
Motion Carried

It was then approved by R. Pawlak, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to approve the purchase of Police Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to be paid from the Drug Fund.

5 Yes  
1 Absent (Bernardoni)  
Motion Carried

Water / Sewer Liaison: NONE

Building / Zoning: NONE

Maintenance Department: Public Works Director Spayer was absent from the meeting.

It was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee R. Pawlak to approve Scheri Electric to make necessary repairs to the street lights along Rt. 178 not to exceed \$5,000.

5 Yes  
1 Absent (Bernardoni)  
Motion Carried

Engineer's Report: Village Engineer Kevin Heitz provided an update of the ongoing projects in the Village.

It was motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee Krizel to approve a payment in the amount of \$5,713.30 to Thorne Electric for a preemption device for the traffic lights being installed at the intersection of Rt. 6 & Rt. 178.

5 Yes  
1 Absent (Bernardoni)  
Motion Carried

Engineer Heitz stated that Cattails has been demolished and Casey's is ready to proceed with their construction plans. They need a resolution by the Village to submit to IDOT before they can move forward.

It was also motioned by Trustee R. Pawlak, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to approve Resolution R17-05 to IDOT for the construction of Casey's General Store.

5 Yes  
1 Absent (Bernardoni)  
Motion Carried

Engineer Heitz stated that the Johnson St. drainage issue had been repaired.

President's Report: Mayor Stewart thanked everyone who participated in the Veteran's Parade. It was a great event!

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Attorney's Report:

Housing Ordinance - It was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Krizel to approve the Vacant Housing Ordinance 2017-30.

5 Yes

1 Absent (Bernardoni)

Motion Carried

Plowing Ordinance – It was motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee M. Pawlak to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Utica Township Community Building and the Village of North Utica to plow snow in the parking lot next to the Community Hall. It is a 1-year agreement with an auto renew. Any changes need to be made prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Ordinance 2017-31

5 Yes

1 Absent (Bernardoni)

Motion Carried

Public Comment: Keith Arwood asked about the upcoming meeting at LaSalle County for the Zoning Petition of Lafarge to allow them to accept clean construction debris and demolition debris. He asked if the Village was worried that the change would impact traffic. Mayor Stewart stated that the roads are not in the jurisdiction of the Village. Engineer Heitz stated that previously the Village had some discussion with Lafarge however, if they annexed into Utica, the road would become the responsibility of the Village. There is no additional revenue that would help to pay for the incurred costs of taking over the road. Therefore, the Village decided not to annex the property. Following this, Lafarge submitted a requested to change their zoning with LaSalle County.

Mr. Arwood then asked if the Village was trying to get the canal cleaned out. Ottawa has been successful in getting the canal in their community cleaned out. Mayor Stewart stated that this is definitely something that has been important to the Village Board for a long time. Many discussions have taken place in the past to try to have the canal dredged. There was no support for the idea by the IDNR. We would like to open up discussions again.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Schweickert asked if Kindred Spirits will be reopening. They have notified the Village that they are working inside to get ready for a Grand Opening very soon.

Trustee R. Pawlak stated that the dryer chaff from the elevator is flying around again. Mayor Stewart stated that we will reach out to them again to be sure that they have the filters on.

At 7:32 pm, it was then motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee Krizel to enter Executive Session for the purpose of:

- 1.) Pending Litigation
- 2.) Purchase/Sale/Lease of Real Property

All in Favor

Motion Carried

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At 7:52 pm it was motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to reconvene the meeting.  
All in Favor  
Motion Carried

With no additional business, it was motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to adjourn the meeting.  
All in Favor  
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Gbur  
Village Clerk